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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Atty. Docket No.: 056208.52811US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Kouji HARADA

entitled: **METHOD OF BONDING METALLIC MEMBERS BY
PLASTIC-FLOW BONDING AND PLASTIC-FLOW BONDED BODY**

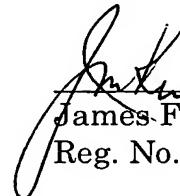
Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including claims 1 - 10 and abstract (23 pages total).
2. 12 sheets of formal drawings showing Figs. 1 - 15.
3. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Application Data Sheet.
5. Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
6. Priority is being claimed under 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55 based on Priority Document 2002-292794, filed in Japan on October 4, 2002.
7. Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and references.
8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the claims fees:

Basic Fee							\$385/770	=	\$770.00
Total Claims	10	-	20	=	0	x	\$9/18	=	\$
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Multiple Dependent Claim Presented							\$145/290	=	\$
Total Filing Fee									\$942.00

Two checks in the amount of \$942.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the assignment recording fee are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208.52811US). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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